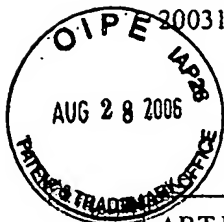


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The present remarks are in response to the June 23, 2006 Final Office Action where the Examiner rejected claims 1-32. As the present response is filed within 2 months of the issuance of the final office action, a timely advisory action or allowance is respectfully requested. No amendment is made herein because the prior art currently cited by the Examiner is not sufficient to sustain a proper rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). Please reconsider the present application with the accompanying responsive remarks.